

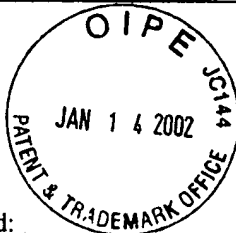
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Title: FINGER GUARD FOR POWER DISTRIBUTION PANEL

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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT (37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b))

Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

With regard to the above-identified application, the items of information listed on the enclosed Form 1449 are brought to the attention of the Examiner.

This statement should be considered because it is submitted before the mailing date of a first Office Action on-the-merits. Accordingly, no fee is due for consideration of the items listed on the enclosed Form 1449.

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(a)(2), a copy of each document or other information listed on the enclosed Form 1449 is provided.

No representation is made that a reference is "prior art" within the meaning of 35 U.S.C. §§ 102 and 103 and Applicants reserve the right, pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.131 or otherwise, to establish that the reference(s) are not "prior art." Moreover, Applicants do not represent that a reference has been thoroughly reviewed or that any relevance of any portion of a reference is intended.

Exhibit B includes 9 photographs of Telect, Inc., fingerguards for circuit breakers and power distribution panel circuit breaker opening cover plates which were commercially available as of the date of filing of the above-referenced application and are admitted as prior art as of the date of the above-referenced application.

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Exhibit C includes a photograph of a Carling Technologies fingerguard which was commercially available as of the date of filing of the above-referenced application and is admitted as prior art as of the date of above-referenced application.

Exhibit L includes 4 photographs of an existing ADC Telecommunications, Inc., power distribution panel product that is admitted as prior art as of the date of filing of the above-referenced application.

Exhibit M includes 17 photographs of existing Telect, Inc., products which were commercially available as of the date of filing of the above-referenced application and are admitted as prior art as of the date of filing of the above-referenced application.

Consideration of the items listed is respectfully requested. Pursuant to the provisions of M.P.E.P. 609, it is requested that the Examiner return a copy of the attached Form 1449, marked as being considered and initialed by the Examiner, to the undersigned with the next official communication.

Please charge any additional fees or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 13-2725.

Respectfully submitted,

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FORM 1449*

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

	DOCUMENT NO.	DATE	COUNTRY	CLASS	SUBCLASS	TRANSLATION	
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OTHER DOCUMENTS (Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, Etc.)

	Exhibit A	Telect, Inc., High Current Power Distribution Alarm Panel Users Manual, Issue A, Rev 1, ©1999, front cover, inside front cover, pp. 7, 17, 33 and rear cover.
	Exhibit B	Photograph of cover plates as shown in Telect, Inc., Catalog of Exhibit A
	Exhibit C	Photograph of Carling Technologies fingerguard, undated
	Exhibit D	Specification sheets for Telpower Compact Fused Disconnect Switch, dated September 24, 2000, manufactured by Telect, Inc., and distributed by Cooper Bussmann
	Exhibit E	"PowerWorx™ Traditional GMT Series Power Distribution Panel User Manual", ADC Telecommunications, Inc., ADCP-80-520, Issue 1, pp. 1-33 (December 1999)
	Exhibit F	"PowerWorx™ Power Distribution Products", ADC Telecommunications, Inc., 6 pages (August 2000)
	Exhibit G	"PowerWorx® Select Series™ Fuse Platform", ADC Telecommunications, Inc., 8 pages (August 2000)

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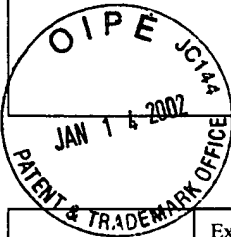


	Exhibit I	"PowerWorx® SuperPower™ GMT Series", <i>ADC Telecommunications, Inc.</i> , 8 pages (January 2001)
	Exhibit J	"PowerWorx® Traditional GMT Series", <i>ADC Telecommunications, Inc.</i> , 8 pages (January 2001)
	Exhibit K	"PowerWorx® Uninterrupted Power GMT Series", <i>ADC Telecommunications, Inc.</i> , 8 pages (January 2001)
	Exhibit L	Fingerguards mounted to circuit breakers in an ADC power distribution panel, 4 photographs
	Exhibit M	Telect, Inc., power distribution panel, 17 photographs



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